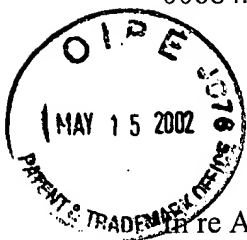


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In re Application of:

MANABU KATO

Appln. No.: 08/951,635

Filed: October 17, 1997

For: SCANNING OPTICAL APPARATUS

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May 15, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated January 15, 2002, for one month from April 15, 2002, to May 15, 2002. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

In response to the Official Action dated January 15, 2002, the period for response to which having been extended to May 15, 2002, by the above Petition for extension of time and fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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